

DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JULY 31, 2014

**RE: QWEST CORPORATION DBA CENTURYLINK QC'S
APPLICATION TO AMEND THE INTERCONNECTION
AGREEMENT WITH FARMERS MUTUAL TELEPHONE
COMPANY; CASE NO. QWE-T-12-05.**

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION

On July 16, 2014, Qwest Corporation dba CenturyLink QC submitted an Application to amend the Interconnection Agreement with Farmers Mutual Telephone Company originally approved by the Commission on August 1, 2012. *See* Order No. 32608. With this Application, the parties seek Commission approval to add terms and conditions for Mid-Span Meet POI (point of interface).

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Application is

consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission agree?



Grace Seaman

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